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NJMC to Hold Artist's Reception For 'Earth Spiral' Sculpture

LYNDHURST, N.J. – The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission will host an artist's reception to celebrate the completion of Elaine Lorenz's "Earth Spiral" sculpture on Wednesday, October 4 at 2 p.m. in the Plaza at Richard W. DeKorte Park.

"Earth Spiral" combines human craftsmanship with natural plants and shrubs. The NJMC's Arts Advisory Board - consisting of members from the 14 Meadowlands District municipalities, and members of the environmental community and the Meadowlands Regional Chamber of Commerce - commissioned this piece in February 2005.

Filled with euonymus plants, "Earth Spiral" will remain green throughout the year and be a focal point for students taking field trips to the Meadowlands Environment Center, senior citizens attending special programs, eco-tourists exploring the Meadowlands trails, and visitors walking, birding or picnicking at the park.

Lorenz, a Hawthorne resident, has created numerous floor, hanging, wall and outdoor sculptures over the last 30 years, for which she earned New Jersey State Council on the Arts Fellowship grants, a Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Grant, and national media coverage. Her exhibits have been displayed at locations including the New Jersey State Museum in Trenton, Morris Museum in Morristown, and William Carlos Williams Center in Rutherford.

Lorenz is a graduate of Marietta College and earned her master's degree in fine arts from Vermont College of Norwich University. She has been a professor of sculpture at William Paterson University since 1991.

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